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feasibility of some other schemes. Then the Planning Commission thought it advisable to appoint a Technical Committee which would go into the various matters and issues raised by the Madras Government and other people. That Technical Committee visited this State and went about the places concerned, perhaps to secure all the information that was considered necessary by the Planning Commission. So far as the Madras Government are concerned, our officers assisted the Commission and its Committee and gave them all the necessary information and details that were asked for.''

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—'' May I know whether the Madras Government are still committed to the scheme which they originally proposed? ''

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—'' Yes, Sir.''

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—'' Are the Government satisfied that all the necessary information has been supplied to the Khosla Committee with a view to its submitting a favourable report to the Planning Commission regarding the Krishna-Pennar Project? ''

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—'' I cannot say precisely whether the report that will be submitted by the Committee to the Planning Commission on the information supplied to them will be favourable or unfavourable. But it is the duty of this Government to have the matter examined by competent technical people and submit the report and we have done it.''

Number of cars purchased for the use of Hon. Ministers.

* 75 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cars purchased for the use of the Hon. Ministers since 1946 and the amounts spent on them;

(*b*) whether all or any of them have been replaced;

(*c*) what is the period during which each car has served since its purchase;

(*d*) whether some of the cars have had to undergo frequent repairs necessitating their disposal;

(*e*) what is the amount realized by the disposal of each old car; and

(*f*) what has been the amount spent on each car since its purchase and whether repairing charges are borne by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) Thirty-eight cars were purchased since 1946 at a total cost of Rs. 3,70,214–9–1.

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"(b) & (c) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.
"(d) Yes.
"(e) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House; and
"(f) It is difficult to say what has been spent by Government on each car during a period of six years. But it may generally be said that the repairing charges are borne by the Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have the Government examined whether after allowing for depreciation, the amounts realized by the disposal of the cars are the prices at which they could have been sold? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I think, Sir, the prices mentioned were the best prices that could have been secured."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know the general period of life of these cars? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It depends upon the use to which they are put."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know the usual period of life of these cars with reference to those used by the Government Transport Department? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Generally the cars are replaced after they do 50,000 miles."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Arising out of the answer of the Hon. Minister regarding the period for which a car can be used, may I know what necessity there is for replacing the car after short periods? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The time for which a car can be used depends upon the nature of use to which it is put."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know what mileage is recorded by a car in a year? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question might be put."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Sir, I find from the answer that has been laid on the table of the House that one car is in the use of the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture, another car is in the use of the Hon. the Minister for Finance, and yet another car is in the use of the Hon. the Minister for Education. Now all these three portfolios have been combined into one and are looked after by one Hon. Minister. Does it mean that at present all these three cars are being used by one Hon. Minister? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This answer was prepared sometime ago, Sir."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Does it not apply to the present position? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix IV on pages 37–39 infra.**